

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MR. GREGORY L.  
REITZE

**HON. PATRICK MEEHAN**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 13, 2015*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Gregory L. Reitze for his lifelong dedication as a firefighter in his community of Middletown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Reitze has been a member of Middletown Fire Company for the past 50 years. His duties have ranged from Assistant Engineer to Fire Chief, in 1997 and 1998. He has been named Fireman of the Year twice, in 1966 and 1998. For 50 straight years, Gregory has been named "A Top Ten of Middletown Fire Company responders." When not fighting fires, he owns and operates a contracting business in Middletown Township and sits on the Middletown Township Planning Commission.

Mr. Reitze has dedicated his life to serving others in his community, putting the safety of others before himself. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Gregory Reitze's 50 years of service to Middletown Township. On behalf of the 7th district of Pennsylvania, we thank him for his efforts.

JOHNS MANVILLE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 13, 2015*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and applaud Johns Manville for their leadership and commitment to utilizing new and advanced technologies.

Johns Manville focuses on developing materials to make diverse environments stronger, more durable, and more energy efficient and comfortable. The company manufactures premium quality building and mechanical insulation, commercial roofing, glass fibers and nonwoven materials for commercial, industrial, and residential applications. JM products are used in a variety of industries including building products, aerospace, automotive and transportation, filtration, commercial interiors, waterproofing and wind energy. The company has 7,000 employees globally and provides products to more than 85 countries and operates 45 mfg. facilities around the world.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Johns Manville for their well-deserved Innovative Technology Award and their continued contribution to Jefferson County.

HONORING ADELE WOODS, CEO  
COOS COUNTY FAMILY HEALTH  
SERVICES

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 13, 2015*

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Adele Woods from New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, who is retiring after 33 years of service at Coos County Family Health Services.

Adele has been instrumental in growing CCFHS from a small organization helping low-income women and their children into a comprehensive Federally Qualified Health Center serving the primary care needs of the Granite State's Androscoggin Valley.

After joining CCFHS in 1981, Adele became the director for their Women, Infants, and Children Program, which provides health services and helps meet the nutritional needs of women with young families. In 1989, as Executive Director, she managed a staff of 32 people on a meager budget. Under her guidance, CCFHS successfully applied for federal funds that enabled the agency to become a Federal Community Health Center and to begin hiring physicians to provide full scope primary health services.

Approached by the Androscoggin Valley Hospital in 2002, CCFHS soon acquired their outpatient services operation. CCFHS now has a staff of 125 people working from three offices in Berlin, one medical office in Gorham, and a RESPONSE outreach in Groveton providing sexual and domestic violence services for New Hampshire's North Country.

Under Adele's leadership, CCFHS is now recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance as a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home and meets the highest standards of quality patient care. CCFHS became a founding member of the North Country Health Consortium, a rural health network addressing common health issues in the region. CCFHS become an Accountable Care Organization and one of the first in the country to receive funding from the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services.

Adele is a valued member of numerous commissions and committees at both the state and national level. I am honored to recognize Adele Woods' leadership and service to her community, the Granite State, and the United States of America.

HONORING DR. EDWARD ZIGLER  
ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
HEAD START

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 13, 2015*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and admiration that I rise today to pay

tribute to Dr. Edward Zigler, the father of Head Start, as we mark the 50th Anniversary of this inspired early learning program. President Lyndon B. Johnson once said, "We must open the doors of opportunity. But we must also equip our people to walk through those doors." That is what exactly what the Head Start program has done for millions of children across our nation for the last five decades.

In his 1964 State of the Union Address, President Johnson declared a War on Poverty. Central to this effort was the idea that access to a comprehensive child development program which ensured school readiness could make all the difference for disadvantaged families. As policy makers, we often look to those with field expertise for advice and counsel. There are few that have served in these halls in the last fifty years who will not recognize the name Dr. Edward Zigler. A member of the National Planning and Steering Committee for Project Head Start, Ed was appointed the founding Director of the Office of Child Development, now the Administration on Children and Families, to lead the Head Start program and he has served as a consultant to every Administration since the program's inception. Designed to break the cycle of poverty and based on the fundamental idea that education is critical to success, Head Start began as an eight-week demonstration project and has grown exponentially. Today, Head Start serves over one million children in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. territories.

Re-authorized and expanded under each Administration over the last fifty years, there is no doubt that Head Start has had an impact on the lives of some of our most vulnerable citizens. Today, as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Head Start, we also pay tribute to the man whose invaluable contributions, not only in its inception but throughout its implementation, have been the driving force behind Head Start's success. Ed Zigler, with his extraordinary vision and unwavering tenacity, has changed our understanding of the connections between poverty and education, shaped our public policy, and changed the course of millions of lives.

It has been my great privilege to have the opportunity to work closely with Ed on issues both here in Washington and in Connecticut. I find myself in constant awe of his intellect and commitment and consider myself fortunate to call him my friend. Today, on behalf of the millions of families that have been changed for the better by Head Start, I am honored to join the National Head Start Association in extending my deepest thanks and sincere gratitude to Dr. Edward Zigler. He has left an indelible mark on our nation and his is a legacy that will continue to improve the quality of life of those most in need for generations to come.

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